

REMARKS

Claims 20 and 23-33 are pending in the application, and claims 20, 23-26, 32, and 33 are rejected, and claims 27-31 are objected to. Claims 20, 28, 29, 30, and 31 have been amended and claim 27 has been cancelled.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 27-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, independent claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations originally recited in dependent claim 27, and claim 27 has been cancelled. Therefore, independent amended claim 20 is now believed allowable. Dependent claim 23 has been amended to now depend from amended claim 20 and is also believed allowable. Dependent claims 24-26 are believed to properly depend, either directly or indirectly, from amended independent claim 20 and are believed allowable therewith. Dependent claims 28-31 have been amended to now depend from amended independent claim 20 and are likewise believed allowable. Finally, dependent claims 32 and 33 are believed to properly depend, either directly or indirectly, from Applicant's amended independent claim 20 and are likewise believed allowable.

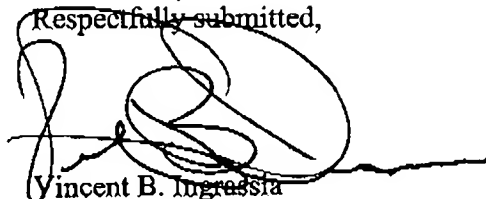
CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 103, have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or

wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants attorney at (480) 385-5060.

Applicants have requested a one-month extension for this response to be charged to Deposit Account 50-2363.

Respectfully submitted,



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